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SOURCE:

1. In March 1953, there was an airstrip near Yŏkp'o (N 38-55, E 125-47) (YD-4111) at YD-399091.[1] The runway was surfaced with pebbles, 3 centimeters thick, and clay. The runway was 1,200 meters long, 40 meters wide, and oriented in a southeast to northwest direction. No runway lights were installed.

2. The airstrip had two main taxiways, each 40 meters wide and 700 meters long. There were 40 dugout aircraft shelters, each separately connected to the main taxiways, 200 to 300 meters east of the runway. Each shelter was 15 meters wide, walled with earth bags 4 meters high, and roofed with logs and sod 3 meters thick. The shelters were spaced 50 to 70 meters apart. The drainage system of the airstrip was in good condition. The installation covered about 45,000 square meters.

3. Construction work on this airstrip was carried on between February and August 1951, but the field was not completed according to the original plans. The runway, capable of supporting the operations of some types of aircraft, was not being used in March 1953. After November 1952, 300 North Korean air force men were stationed in private houses near the field and at the Yongmun Middle School building at YD-397098 for training and repair work.

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1. ☐Comment. This office has no previous information concerning this airstrip.

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